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\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

THREE PERSONS KILLED

TINY McCOY SHOOT HIS WIFE, MOTHER-IN-LAW, AND BROTHER-IN-LAW

Tiny McCoy shot and killed his wife, Mrs. Hallie Totten McCoy, his mother-in-law, Mrs. William L. Totten, and his brother-in-law, Robert Totten, at Deer Creek, near Cass, on Sunday afternoon. He then shot himself in the forehead. The bullet ranged up, and while he has a fractured skull, it is not thought he is dangerously hurt. He used a .32 calibre automatic pistol. He made away after the shooting but was apprehended at Stillington and held until the officers arrived.

McCoy and his had not been wife getting along well together. She had left their home at Durbin and returned to the home of her parents at Deer Creek. McCoy had been trying to get her to go back to him, and he had been forbidden to come to the hotten home. On Sunday he came down from Hosterman to see his wife, and found her at the home of a neighbor, Laven Wolfe. Mrs. Totten and her son Robert soon came over to the Wolfe home.

McCoy tried to get his wife to go away with him, which she refused to do, and there was some controversy which was quieted by Mr. Wolfe. McCoy then apparently prepared to leave, and ask Mrs McCoy to come out of the door and bid him goodby. As she was coming out of the door McCoy shot her above the ear with an automatic pistol, killing her instantly. Mrs Totten then came to the door and she also was shot in the head. Robert Totten tried to grapple him and was shot twice, one bullet making a flesh wound in his breast and the other through the mouth. All three died almost instantly. McCoy then shot himself. Mr Wolfe and Calvin Neighbors, were then on the scene and attempted to disarm him, and he tried to shoot them but the weapon jammed.

As those present were seeing what they could do for the dying people McCoy got up and made for the river. He swam it and came on down to Stillington where he was stopped and held for the officers by Charles P. Adams and others. He is now in the Marlinton Hospital, being treated for a fractured skull. He will be held on a charge of murder. A young man named Kerns who accompanied him from Hosterman and was present at the shooting was brought to jail Monday morning.

Tiny McCoy is a son of William McCoy, of Kelster, Greenbrier county. He is about 25 years old. He married Miss Hallie McCoy, daughter of William Totten, of Cass, about a year ago. The report is that McCoy was mean to his wife and she could not get along with him. McCoy's father has been employed at Cass for the past year. The report is that the elder McCoy is from Kentucky. His mother was a Kelster before marriage.

The Totten family are also from Greenbrier county. Their home was at No. 1 Caldwell, but for the last seven or eight years they have lived at Cass. They are good people, owned their home, and stood well in the community.

Mrs Totten was about 45 years of age. She survived by her husband their five children. Mrs McCoy was about 21 years old, and Robert Totten nineteen years old. He was a promising young man, industrious and a support of the family. Their bodies were taken to Greenbrier on Tuesday for burial at Lewisburg.

This editor felt so poor and ornery this season that he failed to order his accustomed barrel of grape fruit. His friend George P. Wooddell, of Clearwater, Florida noted this oversight, and has most kindly remembered us with a lot of the finest of grape fruit. He was also kind enough to warn us that he had included in the shipment some lemons, and these lemons are about six sizes bigger than the lemon of commerce, and sour in proportion to their size. He gave directions for eating grape fruit leave off the sugar; it just intensifies the acid. Mr Wooddell hopes to be able to visit his native county this year and we all will be glad to see him. However he leaves a string to this promise of coming for he says his town is growing so rapidly that it may need so many palm trees from his nursery to beautify the streets that he may be kept too busy.

Mr and Mrs Raymond Church announces the birth of a son, Ralph Church, March 25, 1924 at Akron, Ohio. Mrs Church was Miss Viola Johnson, before marriage.

CIRCUIT COURT

Circuit Court is still in session, but the last jury was discharged Tuesday afternoon. Four men were given penitentiary sentences. Madison Wilson colored, two years for malicious wounding. He shot Richard Stuart, colored, in the leg. Denver Ryder, 2 cases for forgery, two years in each case, to run concurrently. Godfrey VanHorn, two years for forgery, not to run concurrently with any other sentence. Clifford Snyder, 2 years for stealing money from Divers Sharp.

Mrs. Nannie Hevener v D. O. Woods judgement for plaintiff \$2,323.34 and cost.

Cornelia McLaughlin v Delbert Carpenter and John E. Kelly, judgement for plaintiff, judgement for \$125.

Bank of Hillsboro v Grace K Beard judgement for plaintiff \$2,826.09.

Bank of Hillsboro v B. B. Beard, committee for J. P. Beard, judgement for plaintiff \$3,032.02.

Sherman Gibson, Exec. v H. A. Hannah and others, judgement for plaintiff \$325.85.

S. J. Rexrode v Greer and others, judgement for plaintiff \$851.70.

J. W. Mulligan v Alleghany Sportsmen's Association judgement for \$3320.43.

Nelle J. Lockridge v Alleghany Sportsmen's Association, \$830.48.

State Road Commission v C. D. Newman and others, F. P. Kidd, James Gibson, A. C. Pifer, French Sutton and Forrest Warwick appointed commissioner on right of way.

State and John King fined \$100 and costs.

State v W. W. Marshall, \$5 and costs.

State v Henry Alderman \$10 and costs.

State v Cletis Johnson, continued.

J. P. Smith, Henry Blackhurst, and A. J. Hardburger trustees of the Cass Methodist Church.

C. W. Bradon v Alleghany Sportsmen's Association judgement \$54.87.

L. S. Cochran and C. P. McNeill, game protector, granted license to carry pistol.

State v Tillman Ball, continued.

State v Robert Shinaberry, hung jury.

State v Joe Cassell not guilty.

State and Madison Wilson felony guilty.

State v Jesse Reed nolled.

State v J. H. Smith, continued.

State v Brown Huffman, not guilty.

State v Martin Judy 60 days and \$115.

State v French Kirkpatrick \$50 fine.

State v Asby Higgins, hung jury.

J. H. Kramer v Robert Miller, settled.



E. T. ENGLAND
Republican Primary Candidate For Governor Of West Virginia.

Attorney General E. T. England invites attention to his past official record in support of his candidacy for the higher preferment. The quality of service in his present office was recognized nationally last summer by his election as president of the Association of Attorneys General of the United States. Before becoming the state's legal adviser, he rendered conspicuous public service as a State Senator and in 1915 was elected president of that body. His home is in Logan.

The groundwork of the England candidacy is the pledge of a progressive and constructive administration and a policy of strict economy so that the heavy burden of taxation may be lessened as much as possible. Fairness and squareness toward all interests, to labor and to capital alike, are promises vitalized and made convincing by General England's private and public record.

"I will not give the people a one-sided administration," the Attorney General asserted in his announcement of candidacy. "All interests and classes will get equal justice, fair and proper consideration, properly administered in the spirit of the constitution and laws of our state."

THE ROTARY CLUB

On last Thursday night steps were taken toward the organization of a Rotary Club in Marlinton. The idea the development of practical service in the community. The motto is—"He profits most who serve best."

Rotary Clubs are organized on the unique rule that only one business or profession can be represented in its membership. For instance, the Club in any city can only have one butcher, one baker, one candlestick maker, etc. This plan is held to be representative of a community. The men of no single occupation or calling can in any way predominate in or take over the club. The name Rotary comes from the custom of meeting around in the offices of the members.

The first Rotary Club was organized in Chicago nineteen years ago. A lonesome young man got the idea that there were others who were just as lonesome as he was, and who would welcome companionship of the right stripe as much as he would. The founder of Rotary is still alive. There are now Rotary Clubs in about thirty different countries with a membership of considerably over one hundred thousand.

Meetings are held each week and last for one hour—no longer and no shorter. No matter who is speaking or what is being done, the meeting disbands. A lunch is served usually. Each member is addressed by his given or nickname. There is no secret work and invited guests are always welcome.

The Marlinton Rotary Club will be formerly instituted Friday night, April 18th. A team of eighteen Rotarians from Hinton will be on hand.

Miss Marie Smith was home from Davis & Elkins College last week.

COMMUNITY MEETING

On Friday night at the high school a community meeting was held. The value of a Parent-Teachers Association was discussed as a means of promoting co operation and understanding between parents and teachers. Those who spoke on the subject emphasized the good which comes from the conferences made possible between parent and teacher in regard to the special problems concerning the welfare of each individual child. In order to effect such an organization Mrs. C. W. Price was elected temporary chairman and committees for nomination of officers and drawing up of by-laws were appointed. The organization of the Association will be completed at another meeting Thursday of next week, at which time it is hoped many parents will be there and help this important work get a good start.

A very helpful feature of last Friday's meeting was a talk by Dr. Grover, representative of the State Tuberculosis Association. She discussed the great work of prevention of disease, made possible by discovering and curing conditions or symptoms leading to serious illness. By such work the death rate from tuberculosis has been greatly decreased, we are told. She spoke of pre-tuberculous condition which should be treated by much sunshine, air, and nourishing food. On the important question of diet for undernourished children, she suggested eggs, milk, some good beef, and vegetables. A child 10 per cent underweight, she said was approaching a serious condition. Such children need to be built up in order that they may have strength to resist any attack of disease germs. As further aid on the question of diet she pointed out the value of whole wheat bread, which preserves the mineral of the wheat. Due to much of the mineral of anti-acid material of vegetables being lost when the water in which they are boiled is not used, a rheumatic condition may develop. By using this water for soups more food value can be obtained from vegetables.

COW TESTING

Last week Dr. C. S. Evans, of Charleston, Veterinary Inspector, Federal Bureau of animal industry was in Marlinton last week to inspect and test for tuberculosis cows, from which milk is being sold in this town. Dr. Evans has not filed his report with the Town Council, but it is understood that he found but one cow that reacted to the test. We can say however, that this cow is net in the herds of either of the two milk dealers who supply milk to the people of this town, Messrs. Z. S. Smith, Jr., and W. R. I. Waugh.

For Mr. Waugh he tested 29 head and found all 29 to be healthy. For Mr. Smith he tested 16 head and found all 16 to be healthy.

For one week now the ordinance has been in effect prohibiting the parking of automobiles on Main street. It has made a wonderful difference to the good, the safety and convenience of the situation. The thing to watch now is to park your car on the proper side of the way in the avenues where parking room is to be found. These regulations are made for the safety and convenience of the public in general and the automobile owner in particular.

County Court was in session on Tuesday with all the commissioners present. The Court appointed the Primary Election officers. The list will be published next week.

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FOR LEGISLATURE

I hereby announce myself a candidate to represent Pocahontas County in the House of Delegates, subject to the approval of the Republican voters at the primary election to be held on May 27, 1924. Your support will be appreciated.
HARRY R. MAY

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